

LURE IS VARIED

Men Have Odd Motives for Seeking Exile in South Seas.

Sometimes It Is More or Less Humorous, Occasionally Deeply Tragical, but Always Interesting.

I have often speculated on the motives actuating the men and women who come to the South seas—most of them of a class neither adventurous nor imaginative. Why have they left home at all, and why have their wanderings led to a place so insignificant and remote?

In some cases, of course, the motives are not complex. I remember a middle-aged Californian, who did not hesitate to be frank. We were sitting on the hotel veranda, wasting an afternoon in idle talk.

"Why did I come to Tahiti?" he said. "That's simple—I wanted to live in a place where I could have a drink without breaking the law. I reckon I'm a good American, but I like to be let alone. The French are great fellows to mind their own business. I found that out during the war. Yes, I was there—over here, but I got into the National Guard at the start. When I got home I took a look around and then made my partner a proposition to buy me out. We had a nice little business; my share of it turned into bonds, brings in about three thousand a year.

"When the deal was fixed, I got a map and hunted up the nearest French colony—I reckoned it would be quieter than in France. I guess I'll leave my bones on Tahiti. My house will be finished in another month; it's close to the water and a big shady veranda where you can sit and look out across the lagoon to Moorea.

"I don't want any women, or servants, or newspapers, or plantations, or business of any kind—I just want to be let alone; but any man who doesn't talk politics will be welcome to drop in for a drink."

Here was one accounted for. A few moments later, on the same veranda, another man told his story in eight words, pregnant as they were brief.

There was an Englishman with us—a traveler, who was stopping over on a steamer in the course of an eastward tour around the world. He had been in India, and was showing us his collection of photographs of that land. While the pictures were passed about, I noticed an elderly American, of morose and corpulent mien, sitting at some distance from the rest of the company and taking no part in the conversation, though he uttered from time to time a series of nasal sounds vaguely suggestive of French and correctly interpreted by the native girl to mean: "One rum punch."

In time we came to the inevitable picture of the Taj Mahal; and while we gazed at it, marveling anew, the tourist spoke of the vast expense of raising such a monument. When he had finished, the man who wanted to be let alone was the first to speak.

"Just think of that guy," he remarked, "spending 10 million dollars to bury his wife!"

Musing on the ancient and costly bit of sentiment, we sat for a moment in silence—a silence broken by a sepulchral voice.

"I'd give more than that to bury mine."

It was the orderer of rum punches who spoke, addressing the company for the first and last time. He said it without a shadow of humor—so earnestly, so convincingly, that several seconds elapsed before any of us smiled.

He had placed himself, curiosity regarding him was at an end; if he chose to spend the rest of his days in the South seas, gossip would pass him by, to whisper of others less communicative—the ever-present rumored murderer or defaulting financier. For all we knew, the morose gentleman might have been quite capable of building a second Taj Mahal—Charles Bernard Nordhoff in the Atlantic Monthly.

Be Vacation-Minded.

It is unfortunate that every individual cannot have a real vacation away from his business. But for those who cannot, to be vacation-minded, and to keep that way as long as they possibly can, is the next best thing.

Few businesses are so active in the summer time that a little let-down in hours and attention will do any great harm. So why not shorten hours and let down a bit, performing only such part of the day's labors as are absolutely necessary to maintain the existence of the undertaking, and letting every other detail go? The time gained should be spent like any vacation time, in the coolest and pleasantest spots possible.

Nothing is surer than that work will be there when we get back. The Lord saw to that when he sent man forth to earn his bread in the sweat of his face.—Concord Monitor.

Tablet to Long-Eared Heroes.
A bronze tablet commemorating the services of the 243,135 horses and mules attached to the American forces during the war, 68,682 of which perished, was unveiled in the state, war and navy building, Washington, recently. The tablet, which is placed in the east wall of the building, just inside the Pennsylvania avenue entrance, was presented by Dr. W. O. Stillman, president of the American Humane association, and was received on behalf of the government by Maj. Gen. Willard Holbrook, chief of cavalry.

Moslem Religious Intolerance.
Nothing is more hateful to a Moslem than to see the Koran in the hands of an unbeliever.

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'Tis well to live where, fair the land extends
In view, with fields o'er-spread, to catch the first
Rare break of dawn, to draw unto their breast
The full-orb gleam of noon's reflecting ray,
To quail themselves, in glory, as recedes
The hour of sunset and when the vigilant wake
Of night, illumined, o'er-hangs somber dell,
They lull and send forth yield; The blade of grass,
The coming lip of sprouting corn, the trees,
O'er-laden with the fetus of its blow,
The vine, new-tendrill-gripped, now waits the time
Of its own vintage; In the dashing breeze
So gracefully the fettered branches flit
And bend as were the zepherous bestir
But invitation of the gods to dance
And thus obedient all nature must
Join in and jazz. Here in the middle west
Where June doth revel through her train of days,
To throw her veil of mystic growth, until
Its fullness gluts the freight of coming months.
We dwell within the quiet sphere of Gods
Great handicraft, where autumn's annual yield
Doth ripen an abundant harvest in
His golden workshop, sending, thitherward,
Sustenance in wholesome food, to fill
The many granaries of a hungry world.

—Eulah E. Hannah.

SANITATION GETS GRIP ON TYPHOID

MICHIGAN RATE SHOWS WONDERFUL DECREASE FROM 1872 TO 1921.

Lansing, Nov. 23.—Sanitation is disarming typhoid fever.

Fifty years ago at the start of organized public health work, the septennial celebration of which has just been observed by members of the profession, Michigan had a typhoid fever death rate of 52.2 per 100,000 population. In 1900 the typhoid death rate for the state was 36.5; in 1910 it was 23.7. Today the rate stands at 6.8 for the first nine months of 1921, according to state department of health records.

Five cities—Cheboygan, Menominee, Muskegon, Sault Ste. Marie, and Marquette—had zero typhoid rates in 1920, the number increasing to nine—Cheboygan, Escanaba, Holland, Ludington, St. Joseph, Muskegon Heights, Port Huron, Wyandotte, and Marquette—for the first three quarters of the present year.

In 1900 Cheboygan's typhoid fever death rate was 15.4; Escanaba's 22.8; Holland's 25.7; Ludington's 55.8; St. Joseph's fluctuating from zero to 20; Muskegon Heights' zero; Port Huron's 52; Wyandotte's 116; and Marquette's 89.

An annual saving of \$9,000 in prevented sickness and death is effected every time a community of 100,000 population lowers its typhoid death rate one point, health authorities claim. Installation of pure water supplies, chemical treatment and filtering of drinking water, pasteurization of milk supplies and more general cleanliness for the reduction of typhoid in cities, it is said.

If the 1872 death rate of 52.2 prevailed now typhoid fever would claim 2,000 victims each year instead of approximately 250. The lowered death rate represents an annual saving of \$8,750,000 in prevention of typhoid deaths alone.

OBITUARY

Francine, daughter of Samuel and Elma Abbott, was born in Pierston, Indiana, Oct. 20, 1844, and died Nov. 14, 1921, aged 77 years and 25 days. She was married to Geo. L. Kemp, March 14, 1867, coming at once to their farm in Coe, Isabella county, moving to St. Louis in 1885, where she resided until the spring of 1900 when she moved to Forest Hill. Mrs. Kemp had been in poor health for several months and the final summons was not unexpected. During her life she was a faithful and devoted member of the Church of Christ. Her funeral was held at the church, Rev. Leon R. May officiating and the remains laid to rest in Oak Grove cemetery by the side of her son, Fred, who preceded her to the Great Beyond, eleven years ago. She leaves a husband, one son, Bert and one grand-son, Geo., Jr., one brother and one sister, besides a host of friends to mourn their loss. Her life was a sweet incarnation passed out unreservedly in devotion to her friends and her Heavenly Master. Its fragrance will long linger here.

"Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord."

TOWN LINE

Melvin Adams and wife have a baby boy, born one day last week. Ben Berman of Alma was a caller in this vicinity Monday.

Mrs. Alvan Lemon of Dixon, Ohio, has been visiting relatives here the past week.

Frank Whitcraft and family and George Shoemaker spent Sunday with the former's sister, Mrs. Angeline Obryant and family of Forest Hill.

Mrs. Effie Lemon and Mrs. Eliza Whitcraft returned to Ohio Tuesday morning.

Money spent with us buys not only good coal but satisfaction and reliability as well. Brown-Ward Co., phone 27.—60tf

Good Address Was Given Here Sunday

A most interesting description of the present situation in China was given in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening by Rev. Gilbert Lovell. Mr. Lovell was a missionary in China for fifteen years up until one year ago when his wife's ill health made it necessary that the return to this country. He speaks therefore with intimate knowledge of his subject.

There are two governments in China at the present time, according to Mr. Lovell, one in the north with headquarters at Peking and one in the south with headquarters at Canton. Both are nominally Republics whose officers are supposed to be elected by the people and in which there is a parliament. Neither, however, represent the people. The southern republic was formed when China first adopted the republican form of government and her first president in rather a high handed fashion dissolved the parliament. Members of that body thereupon left Peking and went to Canton organizing what they maintain is the true Chinese government there. The Peking government is the one officially recognized by other nations.

The provinces of China are ruled by military leaders who have under their control bands of soldiers who are more like brigands than guardians of the law. With these soldiers the governors extort huge sums from the people and terrorize them.

At the time of the signing of the Versailles Treaty when Shantung was given to Japan, the Chinese did not blame the foreign powers, but rather three of their own officials whom they felt had made such a transaction possible. These leaders seem to have sold out their country's interests for private gain. Shantung is the holy land of China. It is to China what the territory included in the old thirteen colonies is to the United States, and in protest against the treachery manifested in letting this section of the country go under the control of Japan, the whole student body of China went on a strike. These students are the most wide-awake among the various groups of the Chinese people. Their demand was that the leaders whose treachery had cost their country so much, should be put out of office. After continuous demonstrations for some time they gained their point.

The number of Christian communicants in China is only three hundred thousand and that in comparison to the four hundred million population seems like a very insignificant number. In influence over the destiny of

China the Christians have a power not to be estimated however. Theirs have been the schools through which the young leaders of the country have been and are being trained. Three of the four representatives of the Chinese government now at the conference at Washington have attended Christian schools. Two are Christians. Most of the great reforms, such as the overthrow of the opium habit, etc., have been promoted by the Christians. In proportion as the light of Christ and the standard of Christ are made known and adopted in China in the next few years will the safety of that great land be secured.

Local Happenings Tersely Told

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Mr. Clarence Luther of St. Johns was in Alma Monday on business.

See the nice home baked goods at 328 North State St.—advertisement.
Mr. Lynn Gee is recovering from his recent operation at Brainerd hospital.

Dr. E. G. Shuyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones. 57-tf

Mrs. H. N. Allen, 420 State street, left Monday for Laramie, Wyoming, to spend the winter with her daughter.

For the common everyday ills of mankind there is nothing to equal Tanlac. Look-Paterson Drug Co.—advertisement.

The St. Johns Guild will meet Thursday afternoon, December 1, at the home of Mrs. W. E. Wilson, 417 West Center street.

Mrs. Edd Hannah and Miss Dora Hicks attended a party in Saginaw Friday evening and were guests of Mr. Hannah's sister.

Thursday evening, November 19, Mr. Owens, 917 Ely street, had the misfortune to fall from his back steps and fracture his right arm.

The Record office is the place to go for your Christmas greetings because of the fine assortment found there.—advertisement.—26-3w.

Dr. Lehner and Dr. Charles F. Dubois attended the Minnesota-Michigan game at Ann Arbor Saturday and watched Yost's team defeat the visitors 38 to 0.

Union Thanksgiving services will be held in the Christian church at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Rev. M. W. Duffey of the Methodist church will speak. All are urged to attend. James Howe, who is attending Ferris Institute spent the week end in Alma, a guest at the home of his parents. Mr. Howe expects to finish his course at Ferris in January, and will probably re-enter Alma College the second semester.

John Carris, M. D. Wilcox, and a number of others from here attended the Breckenridge-Alma game Tuesday in which the Breckenridge aggregation figured in deciding the football championship of the county for the first time in history.

Following the suggestion of C. D. Smith, at a recent meeting of the Brotherhood of the Presbyterian church, a men's Bible class was formed last Sunday. The class will have a room by itself and will discuss at first the relation of Jesus Christ to the every day affairs of men. The class meets at 10:00 a. m. Sunday morning, and all men who are not attending classes elsewhere are cordially invited to unite with this class.

EAST ALMA

Mrs. Kennedy and family have moved back to Grove ave., and are occupying the house formerly tenanted by Opal Allen.

Mrs. John McIntyre attended the funeral of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Robert Stoddard, of Fenton.

Mr. and Mrs. Carnicorn's daughter-in-law spent the week end with them. Walter Martin is working in Saginaw with the Ruggles Company.

Very excellent stereopticon views, beautifully colored, will be given and explained by the Rev. J. M. Gelston, D.D., in Eastminster chapel this Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. This series of lectures and lantern views will be continued each Sunday evening during the year.

Owing to the poor attendance at the Eastminster chapel rummage sale caused by the bad weather, the sale will be re-opened probably on Wednesday the 7th of December. The bargains in clothing this year far exceed the offerings of former years.

Mrs. Jesse Augustines's mother, Mrs. Cora Frost, of Hemlock, visited with her last week.

Earl Everson of Hastings is visiting his brother, Herbert Everson, on Grove avenue.

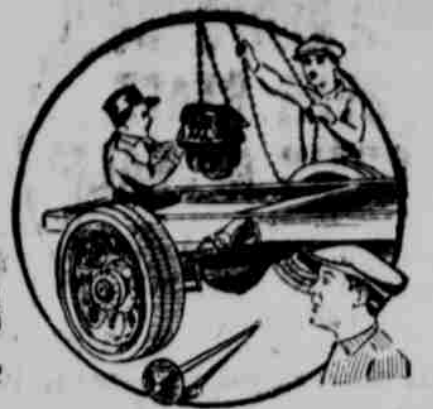
Mr. Roy Riley, Michigan avenue, is in Saginaw working for the Ruggles Company.

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